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# Season's Greetings



Some gifts come in big packages  
And other gifts are small,  
But some of the very nicest are  
Things you can't see at all.  
Good health, good cheer and  
Friendship are the richest  
treasure.  
We hope you have them,  
every one,  
For your Christmas pleasure.

from the official T.N.A. family

# "... there was a decree..."

By Doris Martin  
Houston, Texas

Through the invention of coinage we are able to see the effigy of the Roman who was emperor at the time of Christ's birth - Caesar Augustus. It was He who issued the decree naming Bethlehem to become a holy city.

As founder of the Roman Empire, Augustus was shrewd and calculating showing great ability to organize. His re-establishment of religious worship, pagan though it may have been, shows masterful skill. All the while in Judaea, Jesus was growing into manhood and would bring to nought the efforts of Augustus.

The coins of Augustus, bearing his handsome likeness on the obverse, were in common usage when he issued the decree that the people should pay "head tax" to Rome. This caused Mary and Joseph to journey to Bethlehem arriving on the eve of baby Jesus' birth.

Why Bethlehem? St. Luke says, "And all went ... every one into his own city. And Joseph went ... into

the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ..." It was the custom that each tax payer be accounted for in his own city.

So as we hold Augustus, dime-size denarius, worth at that time a day's labor, and study the face of a great Roman ruler, this momentous historical event takes on realism and thereby more meaning.

The ways of God are indeed marvelous! By using a man who was to revive pagan worship to new heights - a man whose people would persecute His unborn Son - He causes a crowd to be in Bethlehem to witness Christ's birth! They would be there to attest the Angels' song and the arrival of the Magi bringing gifts to express gladness that has kept the candles of hope and trust aglow.

Yes, coins of pagan Rome can help bring Bible verses alive and the Scripture can give meaning to coins.

May the miracle of Christmas shine for you as brightly as did Bethlehem's Star.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We regret to inform the membership that Mr. Homer B. Casey, husband of Mrs. Casey, our T.N.A. Secretary, passed away quite suddenly Friday, December 5, at 5 pm. The officers and membership of T.N.A. convey our deepest sympathies to Maude and her family in their bereavement.

**CALL FOR T.N.A. OFFICER NOMINATIONS!** All elected officers and governors of T.N.A. are now elected for a three year term of office and 1965 is an election year. This is the year of the very tough nomination for the following positions: first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer and district governors. Only the candidate for president shall have served previously as an elected officer of T.N.A. to be nominated. No officer may succeed himself in office after serving two years, except the secretary and the treasurer.

Any T.N.A. member may nominate an elective officer but only chapter (club) T.N.A. members may nominate the candidate for governor from their district. All nominations must be on the secretary's desk by January 15 to be eligible for election. All governors of the ten districts shall see that his district has a nominee for this office by notifying all clubs in his respective district as soon as possible.

With each nomination for office sent in it is required that you also send his letter of acceptance of the nomination and a short autobiography from the person being nominated. Don't overlook this important item! Qualified nominees will be published in the February issue of the T.N.A. News. Ballots will be mailed each member in good standing by March 10, 1965.

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We are pleased to announce that the T.N.A. governing board has approved the Life Membership No. 8, of Lloyd E. Buss, T.N.A. #31, 1501 Brinkman, Port Arthur, Texas. As you will note from his low T.N.A. number, Mr. Buss was one of the early charter members and helped organize our association. Thanks, Mr. Buss, and T.N.A. is duly proud to welcome you as Life Member No. 8. We are hoping to have several more to add to this list next month.

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We tip our hats to three dedicated numismatists, all good T.N.A. members namely, Col. Frank O'Sullivan, Floyd E. Covill and Hirsh Schwartz, who spent much time and a lot of effort in making it possible for Texas Educational TV Stations to have a series of programs (3) on numismatics. These educational programs are available to all Educational TV Stations for the asking and coming from experts in their subjects, they should be a credit to numismatics and T.N.A. which receives a by-line in each program. Thanks Col. O'Sullivan for engineering this project.

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The first and only coin club to be voted to my list members are invited to T.N.A. before the ANA. Home and Hotel printer Building had been built the Austin Coin Club with a \$10.00 donation. Our many thanks to this club.

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**E. H. BROOKS**  
President

# COINS TELL THE CHRISTMAS STORY

Here are the winning essays in the Junior Contest to round out the Christmas issue of the TNA News. Both entries were from San Angelo and both tied for first place.

## BY LARRY TESTER

Many thoughts and ideas pass through our minds while sitting in church on Christmas morning. This is a very special day because this is the day when we celebrate the birth of Christ. On Christmas Day we have love, hope and joy in our hearts to exhibit our feelings toward Christ's birth.

We remember from the Bible that Christ was born inside a shed which contained stalls for animals. Joseph and Mary had coins to pay for a room in an inn, but these coins did not help because there were no vacancies to be rented.

Christ was brought gifts but not directly in the form of coins and money. A greater meaning was presented in the giving of gifts instead of simply giving coins. Of course, without coins to purchase these gifts, the feeling toward Christ would not have been as effective.

As Christmas nears each year, most everyone enjoys giving their coins to organizations that will use this money to help make under-privileged people happy. Many people would not get much meaning out of the Christmas story if it wasn't for these gifts. Receiving these gifts at Christmas time aids in their realizing what the meaning of Christmas really is.

We all give gifts to a few special people to show our feelings toward them. It is not the value of the gift that counts but rather the feeling we put in the gift. Many of us start saving our coins long before Christmas arrives. Gradually our pennies, nickels and dimes add to the amount

we had for so long been striving to obtain. Now we can take these coins and buy the right gift for each special person.

Christmas and the true Christmas story is enjoyed by all because a different and wonderful feeling is so very close to us. We are all happy because we are celebrating Christ's birth, one of the most wonderful and important events of our world. Songs are sung to show our happiness and affection toward Christ. At Christmas we seem to be closer to our fellowmen and at the same time closer to God through His Son.

So as one can easily see, coins do help tell the Christmas story. Coins are used to help show our feelings toward Christ in the form of an offering, friends, as a gift, and the needy by giving coins to brighten their Christmas. If coins are used with the right attitude, they can be used in a very meaningful way to make the Christmas story a most wonderful one.



## BY RONNIE POFF

Every December 25 of every year, the entire world celebrates a very important date. That date marks the anniversary of the birth of our Lord. Although He is right beside us at all times, one would always like to have the feeling that He is closer to them than maybe He is to someone else.

One way in which one might get this feeling would be to have in his possession a few of the coins coined during our Lord's time on earth. Although this might take a small amount of imagination, that special feeling can be attained.

Even though many coins were coined during Christ's stay on earth,

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# T. N. A. MEMOS

## TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SEVENTH CONVENTION

March 1965

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Driscoll Hotel  
Corpus Christi, Texas

**CORRECTION** I would like to clarify one point on the American Numismatic Association's Education-Award program. These awards are given to any member of an A.N.A. affiliated club. However, they are not intended for state, regional or national organizations at this time.

The A.N.A. plans later to initiate a program which will include the above mentioned organizations. It is not necessary for a person to be a member of the A.N.A. to receive an award, but it is necessary for the club to be an A.N.A. member.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to write to Jack R. Koch, Assistant to the Executive Secretary, 3520 North 7th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.

Mrs. Homer B. Casey  
A.N.A. Representative



**WOULD YOU LIKE TO HONOR** a club member through the pages of the TNA News? Many members go far beyond the call of duty to help make your club a success and deserve special recognition. If your club has an honored member please submit their name and why you feel they should be honored through the

pages of our monthly journal. In addition, E. H. Brooks, T.N.A. president, will send a certificate of award to the honoree. The member you select does not have to be a member of T.N.A. May we hear from you?



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## COINS TELL THE —

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the person who has one could always believe that his coin had actually been touched by Christ. Thus, a coin of small value among the coin world could become a priceless coin to the owner.

Also a special lesson pertaining to Christmas could be illustrated by the only probable contemporary Biblical object - a coin. To coin collectors especially and to non-numismatists, a lesson would probably be learned better if it could be referred back to a coin.

Therefore, to get a different view of Christmas one could read about these coins or better yet get out a few of these coins and read about them and their role in Christmas.

# 1965 T.N.A. CONVENTION TO OFFER TOPS IN ENTERTAINMENT

The United States and Mexico will be united - numismatically - as numismatic borders will be crossed and numismatic gateways opened in conveying the theme of "Good Neighbors" when representatives from the two nations appear as honored guests and speakers at the seventh convention of the Texas Numismatic Association scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28 in Corpus Christi, Texas at the Robert Driscoll Hotel.

Joining to Texas for the annual event for participation in the educational program will be Mrs. Margo

Russell of Sidney, Ohio, executive editor of *Coin World* and lovely lady of numismatics; and Clyde Hubbard of Mexico City, Mexico, internationally known specialist in the field of Mexico and Spanish colonial coins. Moderator for the educational forum will be E. H. Brooks, president of T.N.A. Brooks will also review the history of the state organization inasmuch as January will mark the fifth anniversary of T.N.A.

Texas will have the pleasure of a second visit by Mrs. Russell. She was a convention guest and speaker at the



Mrs. Margo Russell of Sidney, Ohio, executive editor of *COIN WORLD*, and one of the most prominent ladies in the numismatic world, will head the list of speakers for the educational program during the seventh convention of the Texas Numismatic Association to be held in Corpus Christi at the Driscoll Hotel on March 26, 27 and 28.



Clyde Hubbard of Mexico City, world renowned expert on Mexican and Spanish American coins, is scheduled to be one of the main speakers at Texas Numismatic Association's seventh convention. The Spring event will take place at the Robert Driscoll Hotel on March 26, 27 and 28.

1962 T.N.A. session hosted by the Temple, Texas Coin Club.

Tops in Texis-style entertainment for convention guests is on tap, according to an announcement made by Joe B. Davis, Corpus Christi general chairman. Outstanding tours are being planned to include a visit to the fabulous Kroc Ranch, stretching over 10,000 acres just 50 miles offshore of Corpus Christi with members of the Krocville Coin Club in charge of arrangements; an inspection of the United States Naval Air Station under the sponsorship of the base coin club; and a long outing to the 125-mile long Padre Island, where collectors may join in a beachcomber hunt for shells, antique bottles and even some of the famous pirate gold and lost treasure buried in the shifting sand.

A pre-convention three-day tour to the southernmost metropolis, Mexico City, is being offered to conventioners who are planning to combine numismatic business with pleasure. A chartered plane will leave Brownsville, Texas on March 22 and return March 25 in time to begin convention activities. The group will travel by bus from Corpus Christi to the Texas border town.

Sites and sights planned for the trip include a tour through the mint in Mexico City, Chapultepec Palace, Bimco de Mexico, which houses the magnificent government collection of Mexican coinage, the colorful floating

gardens, picturesque and famous pyramids and other places of interest. The cost of the Mexico tour, with meals, lodging and transportation, will be approximately \$100. T.N.A. convention officials will be assisted on the tour by members of Sociedad de Numismatica Mexicano of Mexico City. Please contact Davis at 658 DeForest Ave., Corpus Christi, Texas for complete details and reservations. Davis urges that anyone interested in the tour to advise him no later than January 15.

Co-chairman with Davis in T.N.A. convention duties are Clarence Davis, immediate past president of the Liberty Coin Club, and Lee Behannon, Corpus Christi Coin Club president. Others serving are R. J. Watters, bourse; George Mather, finance; Sam Hindman, advertising and printing; G. A. Jig Adams, security; Mrs. Mozelle Behannon, ladies' hospitality; and Lamar Folda, hotel facilities. Also Mrs. Norma Mather, publicity; Clarence Davis, auction; and Behannon, exhibits. Also assisting will be members of all coin clubs in the district eight area.

Won't you plan to share the fun in the sun at the sparkling city by the sea - Corpus Christi - on March 26, 27 and 28; and take part in the many planned convention activities of your state organization - - - the Texas Numismatic Association?



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and we hope that others will follow suit. The San Angelo Coin Club had previously sent in a check for \$50.00 which was delivered to officials in Cleveland, Ohio.

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You now have only until December 31 in which to mail in your nomination for the T.N.A. Lewis Berman Memorial Award to the secretary, Mrs. Clegg. Don't put this important job off another day.

# PRESIDENTIAL YEAR-1964

BY HIRSH SCHWARTZ  
Schulenberg, Texas

When a person asks you a question pertaining to numismatics you naturally have a tendency to turn the clock back and do some deep thinking. There would not be any point to asking an easy question. However, some can be so easy that perhaps they are down right foolish. Perhaps, should we say "easy as falling off a log"—after you hear the answer?

How many presidents of the United States have appeared on our regular coinage? When you have thought it over and guessed the right number, it seemed so easy and simple that the question was a foolish one. And who were they? Believe it or not, every last one of them are on our 1964 coins.

Did you ever think of the 1964 proof set as "The Presidential Proof Set?" Well, it could rightly be so

called. It is the only proof set that has the likeness of an ex-president on every coin.

Abraham Lincoln was born in 1809 and he was inaugurated as president in 1861. In 1909, his likeness was placed on the one-cent piece by Victor D. Brenner who designed the coin. The designer's initial (V.B.D.) appeared on the first issue and the ones minted in San Francisco had S.V.D.B. The small quantity minted with these initials made them scarce and rare.

The coin was issued to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth. While this coin was made of wartime steel in 1943 and shell copper base in 1944 and 1945, and back again to bronze pre-war composition in 1946, the obverse of the coin never changed, except for the initials of the designer. The reverse of the coin was changed in 1959 when the Lincoln Memorial



Year - 1964

Photo Courtesy of Angelo Standard-Tin

Collectors may look upon the 1964 half dollar as a commemorative or memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy as its issuance was made soon after his assassination in November, 1963. The obverse carries a likeness of Kennedy and the reverse is adorned by a replica of the presidential coat of arms.

was put on sale to commemorate the 150 anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Thomas Jefferson was born in 1743 and was inducted as president in 1801. The Jefferson type nickel was designed by Felix Schlag in 1938. He won an award of \$1,000 in a competition with some 390 artists for his design of this new coin. The reverse of the coin shows Jefferson's Monticello home. This coin established the definite public approval of that and pictorial rather than symbolic devices on our coinage.

Franklin D. Roosevelt was born in 1882 and was inaugurated as president of the United States in 1933. In 1946, John R. Sinnock designed the dime showing a portrait of Franklin D. Roosevelt. The reverse displays the torch of Liberty between sprays of laurel and oak.

George Washington was born in 1732 and was inaugurated as the first president of the United States in 1789. The Washington head type, first minted in 1932, was intended to be a commemorative issue mark-

ing the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. John Flanagan, a New York sculptor, was the designer. The reverse of the coin has a full front view of an eagle.

John F. Kennedy was born in 1917 and was inaugurated as president in 1960. Kennedy's assassination in 1963 led to the minting of a new coin, a half dollar, which contained his likeness. Gilroy Roberts, chief sculptor at the mint, designed the obverse of this coin. The reverse, which uses the presidential coat of arms for the motif, is the work of Frank Gasparro, also of the mint staff.

Who was it that said that "Laws were made to be broken?" Or should we say probably to be changed so it was with the Kennedy half dollar. Under the law, changes in the design of a coin of regular issue were not to be oftener than every 25 years. Benjamin Franklin was deprived of nine years of existence, for under this law this coin would not have been eligible for change until 1973. An Act of Congress is needed to authorize the change. With the exception of the 1000 components and Benjamin Franklin's face, no other would be in a coin before it goes into the portfolios of 1000000 of the American public.

1964 marked a numismatic first with portraits of ex-presidents appearing on all of the minor coinage of the United States. A great honor bestowed upon five great men.

# WOODEN MONEY IS FOR REAL

BY WENDELL MORNINGSTAR  
Randor, Ohio

(Most collectors are of the opinion that collecting wooden money is just a numismatic joke but as it turns out, it is a serious phase of collecting. The TNA News is indebted to Wendell Morningstar, president of the newly organized wooden money society, for favoring T.N.A. members with a factual account and enlightening us on an important subject of numismatics. Morningstar's exhibit of wooden money, containing over 5,000 specimens, may be seen at the seventh convention of T.N.A. in Corpus Christi on March 26, 27, 28 at the Robert Driscoll Hotel. The editor.)



In answer to a request of your splendid editor and friend of the Texas Numismatic Association, Mrs. Wally Gilmore, I hope the following will get her off the hook. It seems that it is where she has been since she became a member of the newly organized, yet unnamed wooden money organization.

I have collected wooden money for almost five years exhibiting and speaking before most of the coin clubs in Ohio. My display has taken

burg, W. Va. coin shows and most recently to Clinton Illinois. I am most proud of each and everyone of my trophies and ribbons and just as proud to display non-competitively as competitively. Competition is a great thing and to me is fun.

I have been known as the man with the milk bottle caps, the man in the chips and even the man with the kindling. Some remarks have or did at first in the early days of my collecting nearly cause me to dump everything to the side and forget about wooden money. Even some of these persons in our area have stopped kidding and meet me to exhibit now!

Frankly, wooden money is nothing new and has been used many centuries. Emil Di Bella's book published in 1958 says it dates back as far as the days of the Byzantine Empire (395-1453 A. D.) It is believed that an attempt during this period was made to use wooden money but it had no intrinsic value and never achieved much popularity. It is very possible that the expression used nowadays "Don't take any wooden nickels" may have originated during the early days of the Greek Empire. The public would not accept this type of money which did not have



The most popular figures collectors will find on wooden nickels is the American Indian and the buffalo which played such important roles in our country's history.

cash value according to the public standards at the time. It is possible these pieces might have been used as promissory notes and when the debts were paid, the notes were destroyed.

Through the years, many countries tried using money made of wood. In England during the 12th through 14th centuries, people used what was called a wooden exchequer tally stick. These talies were made of Hazel and Willow wood, light in weight, small in size and easy to understand. They were practically impossible to counterfeit.

The amount of money each represented was indicated by notches. On the lower edge toward the holder of the tally the incisions denoted the larger denominations with the pence at the right hand end. The notches were cut according to definite rules. A thousand pounds was marked by a cut as thick as the palm of a hand, a hundred by the breadth of the thumb and a score by the breadth of the little finger. A pound was recorded by a cut the breadth of a grain of ripe barley, a shilling still less and a penny by a single incision with nothing cut out of the wood.

The intended stick was then split through the incisions almost to the bottom and a portion retained by each of the parties of the transaction. The exchequer kept the stock or part of the tally with the stump handle attached and the counterfoil (the flat piece stripped off the tally) was given to the person paying in the money. This tally eventually developed into a token, a form of money to be handed from person to person.

The use of tally sticks in England ended the latter part of the reign of George II and William IV ordered these destroyed due to the smoke it required in the parliament buildings. In destroying these, the dry sticks found a ready use in the stoves that

the stoves became over-heated and caused a fire that also destroyed the structure.

Other countries also tried this type of money. Tibet in the 12th century made what was called "Prayer Money" out of bamboo. China had many issues of wooden money (bamboo) and tally sticks, dating back to 1735.

Australia in 1849 and in 1920 tried wooden money. I have three pieces of the latter date in my collection. These were from the town of Hadersfeld, commemorating a local celebration.

Others using wooden money were Germany in 1920, Japan, 1858, Africa, 1800 to 1900 in various cities, South Sea Islands and Sweden. The Swedish wooden money was cut in the shape of a horse called Dalhaster. The sizes of these ranged from one and one-half to six inches in height. Mexico and Canada also had wooden money. Canada used theirs in the Hudson Bay Companies for purchases in company stores.

In the United States many of us remember the days of the great depression. We also remember how the banks closed up tying up our life's savings. Tenino, Washington, a small town north of Centralia did something about this and thus was born wooden nickels in the U.S.

In December, 1931, the town issued script in three denominations, 25¢, 50¢, and \$1.00 by the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber agreed to accept "assignments" up to 25% of the depositor's funds in the bank liquidation. In return, paper script amounting to \$3,255.00 was issued. The amount of \$1,279.00 was encashed by the depositors and eventually \$1,079.75 was redeemed by the Chamber.

Also in December, about 25 sam

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# SOCIETY OF PAPER MONEY COLLECTORS

BY THOS. C. BAIN  
Dallas, Texas

Numismatic interest has increased 100-fold in the last few years. It is interesting to note that paper money collecting had the same increase if not more, over the same period of time.

Since 1955, several paper money organizations sprang up around the country, due to the vast interest in the hobby. Several put out a newsletter every now and then, but none could be called a real organization.

At the 1960 A.N.A. Convention, a small group of paper money collectors met informally and agreed that a regular organization would be desirable. During the next year, an organization was formed comprising the collectors of tokens, medals and obsolete paper money. At the 1961 Atlanta A.N.A. convention, it was decided to withdraw from the tokens and medals group and organize separately into the Society of Paper Money Collectors.

The above meeting was attended by members of some of the other paper money groups and it discussed the importance of having a paper money organization that could put out an interesting publication with regularity. Out of this meeting was formed the Society of Paper Money Collectors. Hank Bieciuk of Kilgore, Texas was the first president and the first editor of the magazine.

The objectives of the Society are as follows:

1. Encourage the collection and study of paper money.
2. Cultivate fraternal collector relations with opportunities for discussion, trading, etc.
3. Furnish information and knowledge through experts in various fields, and particularly through

the Society's magazine, "Paper Money."

4. Encourage research on paper money and publication of resultant findings.
5. Promote legislation favorable to collectors, providing it is in accord with the general welfare.
6. Advance the prestige of the hobby.
7. Promote rational and consistent classifications of exhibits and encourage participation in them.
8. Encourage more realistic and consistent market valuations.

The Society now has nearly 1,000 members, residing mainly in the United States and Canada, but with some representation throughout the world.

In June 1964, the Society was incorporated as a non-profit organization under the laws of the District of Columbia.

A quarterly magazine, "Paper Money" is sent to all members. No copies are available as "samples." The magazine is printed on smooth paper and is very distinctive in appearance. In addition to informational articles, it lists changes in membership as they occur. The collecting specialty of each member is shown as well as information as to whether he is a collector or dealer. Members are therefore given the opportunity to contact other members with similar collecting interests. All members are encouraged to submit articles to the editor for publication.

The Society is affiliated with the American Numismatic Association and holds its meetings at the annual A.N.A. Convention.

Members of the A.N.A. or other recognized numismatic organizations are eligible for membership. In addition, members of the Society of Paper Money Collectors are encour-

aged to sponsor their friends for membership. Other persons will be sponsored by the secretary if applicants can provide suitable references such as well known numismatic firms with whom they have done business, banks, etc.

The Society operates on a calendar year basis; dues are \$4 per year, payable January 1st. Members joining in the latter part of the year who do not receive the magazines for the entire year, will receive an adjustment when paying their dues for the following year.

The last few issues of the magazine, "Paper Money," have covered articles on U. S. large and small

Notes, U. S. National Bank Notes; U. S. Federal Reserve Notes; foreign currency; obsolete currency such as Colonials, Continentals, Confederate, Broken Bank Notes, and script; military currency; fractional currency; and mis-matched serial number notes.

Anyone having any interest in paper money collecting can surely profit by being a member as a good many trade notes and many members, including myself, have added to the collection through knowing those interested in the same phase of paper money collecting.

Anyone interested can write to me at 3717 Marquette Drive, Dallas, Texas, 75225.



## WOODEN MONEY —

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ples of a new material called slice wood was issued. This material created the first actual wooden money. The material was Sitka spruce. Red cedar was also used.

The publicity, given out by the old Seattle Star, Tacoma News-Tribune, Oregonian and others began to snowball. Finally the Halls of Congress heard of this and featured it in March 1932 in the Congressional Record.

Orders from the many collectors and souvenir hunters caused eight issues to be printed in 1932 and 1933 mostly of the 25¢ denomination but also in 50¢ and \$1.00. In all \$10,308.00 worth of wooden money was issued of which about \$40 was redeemed by the Chamber and \$150.00 remains. Their slogan is "Tenino Made Good Money Made of Wood."

The first wooden nickel appeared during the World's Fair in 1933, but the first wooden nickel commemora-

ting a Centennial was issued at Fenton, Michigan in July, 1934.

There are now over 150 charter members in the newly created organization for collectors of wooden money. Charter membership terminates on December 31. Dues are \$2.00 per year and includes a monthly bulletin keeping members informed of wooden money activities across the nation. Anyone interested may contact me at Rt. 1, Randor, Ohio 43066 or Mrs. Gilmore, who is serving as temporary vice-president.

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# HAMILTON FATHER OF U.S. DOLLAR

BY WELDON SURBER  
San Angelo Standard-Times

Alexander Hamilton, first secretary of the treasury, proposed the dollar as the unit of the United States in 1786. This was a year before Congress received from the convention, which drafted the Constitution of the U.S., the draft of that document, and it was two years before the Constitution was ratified by 11 of the 15 states and adopted by Congress in 1788.

Hamilton at the age of 20 was one of Washington's most trusted aides during the Revolution, and history records him as one of the soundest political thinkers of his day. Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson differed greatly politically, and the two became leaders of the first organized political parties of the U. S.

The first silver dollar minted in 1794 was not received with general approval, and only a few coins were struck. The 1794 dollar is now quite rare.

In 1795, nearly 200,000 silver dol-

lars were minted. There are 17 varieties of this date. This means as the dies broke and new ones were made, some minor change was made.

Two of the major varieties are the two shown here. The one on the top is one of the first silver dollars minted in 1795 and resembles the unpopular 1794 dollar. Dies of this dollar had a wider space between the one and seven than the other figures in the date. The one at the bottom is the second type minted. This dollar is called the draped bust type.

While both have 15 stars representing 15 states, the arrangement is dif-



Seated Liberty — a new concept of Patterson, Mint Director



1795 Dollars — two among 17 varieties.

ferent. Also Liberty on the second is younger, had more curls and wears a ribbon in her hair.

### SEATED LIBERTY INTRODUCED

When Dr. Robert Patterson, Jr. was appointed director of the U.S. mint in 1835, it was realization of his lifelong ambition. His father was director of the mint from 1805 to 1824.

It is said that for more than 10 years Patterson had been unhappy with the design of Liberty, for since the beginning of coinage in the United States, a Liberty bust had been used.

Patterson felt that when an emblem was needed it would be better to introduce an entire figure. He wrote Thomas Sully, noted designer, asking his help.

He asked Sully to design a new Liberty and suggested in his letter "To be distinctly emblematic of Liberty, I should propose that the figure hold in her right hand the liberty pole surmounted by the Phrygean, or liberty, cap, which is universally understood."

Patterson also hired Christian Gobrecht as assistant engraver. Gobrecht prepared a series for Patterson after designs by Sully.

The first pattern shows the new conception of Liberty seated on a rock holding the liberty pole in her left hand and a shield bearing the inscription "Liberty" in her right hand. Between the figure of Liberty and the date is the name, C. Gobrecht. On the reverse is an eagle in full flight surrounded by 26 stars and the legend, "United States of America One Dollar."

This design, though changed in minor details, was to endure 50 years. The famous seated Liberty was used on the half dollar, quarter, 20 cent piece, dime and half-dime.

The 1836 Gobrecht dollar was

never meant for circulation, however, it is estimated about 1,000 did get into circulation. They are quite valuable.

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## from the treasurer

by Freeman L. Craig, Treasurer

Texas Numismatic Association  
Box 552, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

Balance on hand  
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### Receipts:

TNA Dues	\$219.00
TNA News ads	220.50
Sales of TNA News	1.00
Donation to ANA Building Fund	10.00 450.50
	2,475.46

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TNA News for Oct. 1964	\$233.90
TNA News Editor travel allowance and petty cash	56.20
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Balance on hand  
as of 11/15/64 \$2,180.36

NOTE: The above balance includes the following special funds:

TNA Library Fund	\$136.63
ANA Building Fund	10.00

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A point of particular interest in Russian coinage is the absence of royal portraits on coins issued after the reign of Catherine II, a circumstance which is attributed to the emperor Paul's dislike of his own physiognomy.

# JUNIOR READIN' ROUNDUP

## THE 1909-S V. D. B. CENT

By JAMES WALLERSTEDT  
Reprinted from "Young Numismaties"  
Publication of Y.N.A.

Ask any non-numismatist to name a few scarce coins and invariably the reply will be one of these: the 1804 silver dollar, the 1913 Liberty nickel, and the 1909-SVDB Lincoln cent. This high scarcity + awareness level for the cent is mostly the result of the advertising policy of B. Max Mehl during the 1930's for the purpose of purchasing rare coins.

It was decided an excellent attention-getter would be a fairly recent coin with a seemingly high premium value, and since the 1909-SVDB was the only Lincoln cent worth more than the twenty-five cents, it, along with the 1913 Liberty nickel, received more publicity than it perhaps deserved.

The history of price increase for this coin has only been adversely affected once. Around 1950, when the coin was selling for \$10 uncirculated, a bag of 5,000 pieces was put on the market. Prices soon dropped to about \$5.00 but by 1953 they had regained their former value. In fact, as is often the case, the availability of the coin seemed to heighten interest and prices began to climb more rapidly than ever.

Thus the 1909-SVDB is one of the coins most desired by less advanced collectors. Depolorably, the magic of this date has been taken full advantage of by larcenous individuals. Altered dates, altered mintmarks, added mintmarks, die struck and cast copies . . . all exist.

Therefore caution should be taken in buying this coin. However, the

Professional Numismatists Guild is working on this problem, and there is a movement in Congress to obtain stricter penalties for sellers of spurious numismatica.



## COUNTERFEIT LINCOLNS

By PATRICK SCHIARONE, Young Numismatist of America Member

As a result of the high premiums paid for coins, counterfeiting is on the increase. It is therefore a must for a collector to be able to detect counterfeit coins.

Two key Lincoln cents which are most frequently "doctored" are the 1922 Plain and the 1914-D. The coin is called the "1922 Plain," often abbreviated "P" because the Philadelphia mint did not produce cents that year. The "D" mint mark filled which resulted in a cent produced in Denver with no mint mark.

The 1922 Plain cent was struck from two different dies. The two sets of dies created two different varieties of this type. Both varieties have the letters RT joined in the word LIBERTY. Also, neither genuine variety has the designer's initials, V.D.B. One of the varieties has a microscopic dot where the mint mark would be. When examining a 1922 Plain, we should immediately become suspicious if the coin has a peculiar color or if there is evidence of some tool work under the date where the "D" should be.

The 1914-D has been faked in a number of ways. The first thing we should do is to check the date. 1944-D cents can be made into facsimiles of the 1914-D. This may be detected by examining the space between the

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# NEWS - VIEWS - WHOS

ROY BENNETT (Brownsville) in scouting since 1929 and is credited with 167 lives during that period. . . . LT. GARY OLSEN (Waco) leaving to make his home in northern Texas (Anchorage, Alaska) that is . . . FLOYD L. COVILL (McAllen) on a flying trip to New York City. . . . LESTER TOETE, III (Houston) being the first Texan to receive an educational award from ANA with a request through the Greater Houston Coin Club. . . .

HARVEY BRUNS (McAllen) spreading the numismatic word by speaking before the Kiwanis Club in the Rotar Club this month, the Kiwanis Club. . . . CARL CRAIG (San Antonio) has returned from trips to Dallas, Tulsa, Oklahoma City and the Rio Grande Valley. . . . R. J. WALTERS (Tulsa) of ANA by seeing that members were wearing "advertising" badges at the San Antonio coin convention. . . . VICTOR SANDLIN (Houston) on a business trip to Pittsburgh and his young daughter recovering from a broken collarbone. . . .

MARGO RUSSELL (Sidney, Ohio) executive editor of Coin World, complimenting Texas women who have contributed so much to the field of numismatics at the ANA meeting held in Atlantic City. Among them were DOLLY MAUDE HARRIS (Austin), DORIS MARTIN (Houston) and MIRIAM GILMORE (Weslaco). . . . and Margo being named Numismatic Woman of the Year by three New England Coin Clubs. . . .

Reported on the sick list have been EDNA EUBANKS (Brownsville), CHARLES (BUZZ) ROBINSON, JR. (San Benito), STELLA WILLIAMS (Raymondville), MILTON SCHRANK (McAllen) and VIRGINIA BEASLEY (Cleburne). . . .

And everybody getting ready for the holidays. . . . .



## They're Really Shop Chops

Reprinted From INTERCOIN

The "chopping" of trade dollars of the western world began in China around 1770. The greed of opportunists from many nations led to the counterfeiting and debasement of the most respected trade pieces, placing each coin under suspicion until proven good. Due to the lack of a firm governmental control or any central banking facility, merchants were obliged to guarantee authenticity of coins they dispensed.

Chalmers in his "The History of Currency in the British Colonies" points out that no Chinese would take back a dollar coin which his stamp cannot be pointed out. This explain-

the quantity of chops on many coins. Chalmers also reported that the practice of chopping dollars was limited to the province of Canton.

Chops are found, however, from Japan and other outer islands. Coins used in the Oriental trade and subject to these chops came from Great Britain, Japan, France, Austria, all the American vice-royalties (of Spain, Mexico, Peru, Bolivia, etc.), and the United States. A collection of chopmarked coins could form an extensive group of numismatics spanning two centuries and several continents.

The word "chop" (which may be traced back in European languages as far as 1537) comes from the Kundi CHHAP.

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### ★ Foreign Coin Department

stock is presently being purchased and space is being made available for the addition of a foreign coin department. There will be many bargains as we intend to directly import many of these coins thereby saving the middleman charges and passing the savings on to you. Formal announcement Spring 1965.

### ★ Annual Catalog

a fully illustrated bound catalog of over 1000 items of numismatic merchandise that has been two years in the making will be released sometime in the spring of 1965.

# PIECES OF EIGHT – Part Six

By Crawford Wyman as told to Harold L. Van Doren  
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## FAMOUS COIN FORGERS

A distinction must be made between counterfeits and forgeries. Just as famous paintings are forged and sold to unsuspecting matrons so famous coins are imitated and put on the market. A forgery, then, is an imitation of an ancient coin, to be sold for its increased value as a rarity, whereas a counterfeit is an imitation of a current coin to be put into circulation at its face value. Forgery is naturally less common than counterfeiting, for the simple reason that a forger can sell only a very limited number of copies of a single piece.

The two most famous forgers in the history of numismatics are Becker and Christodulos. Christodulos was a well-known dealer in coins with a shop in Athens until his death two years ago. He forged only ancient Greek coins; his skill as a die cutter and his feeling for style make his specimens objects of considerable interest in themselves.

As a young man, this clever Greek made friends with the curator of the museum at Athens, who made him plaster casts of some of the rarest specimens in the national collection. Christodulos would take these home, and presently new-found rarities would turn up in his shop. When a demand for a certain issue had been cleverly created he would sell the forgeries shortly after for a slightly smaller price. He avoided prosecution by never selling the fakes with a guarantee. His success was phenomenal, and many of the great collections, including those of the British Museum and the Bibliothè-

que Nationale, were badly taken in. It was not until he had forged a great many specimens that his peculiar style of workmanship was detected and careful descriptions of his forgeries published to warn buyers. Occasionally he made glaring errors by mixing up his dies and getting the wrong reverse with the right obverse, but this was exceptional.

Not long before Christodulos' death, the American authority, Mr. Newell, bought five very rare genuine coins at his shop in Athens. The wily Greek knew that Mr. Newell made better plaster casts than he, and would sell them only on condition that Mr. Newell would make casts and send them back to Athens. The collector consented and made the casts as agreed. But before committing them to the lawless hands of the forger, he made a minute alteration on each matrix, small enough to pass undetected by Christodulos, but distinct enough for a collector to recognize if forewarned.

He then notified the British Museum and other institutions of what he had done. Christodulos died shortly after, perhaps from a broken heart because he was unable to pass off his new forgeries on a gullible world. At any rate, he never sold any forgeries of those particular coins.

Becker was a German collector who forged Greek, Roman, and medieval coins. He originally worked on order, with no intention to deceive, simply reproducing coins for collectors to fill in gaps in their series. He was so successful, how-

ever, that he began to make a business of it. Bolen, the American, doctored made copies of American Colonial coins in somewhat the same fashion, although he never intended any fraud. Becker's workmanship is now thoroughly recognizable and does not bother experts.

Alteration is still another phase of counterfeiting and forgery. When two varieties of a coin differ only slightly from each other, and one is common and the other rare, it is a great temptation to alter the common coin and thereby increase its value. Brand new varieties are sometimes created in this way. Quite recently a collector showed me a 1793 United States chain cent which had been so cleverly altered as almost to defy detection. The common variety of this coin has the words **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** lettered out in full on the obverse, and is worth only a few dollars. But suddenly a new and apparently unique die variety appeared, in which the cutter had abbreviated the inscription to **UNITED STATES OF AMERI.**

If the coin had been genuine it would have been worth a great deal. But it turned out to be simply one of the regular varieties with the letters CA clipped off and burnished so that no trace of them remained. The fellow struck a snare, however, on the simple matter of the full stop following the letter E. Since there was no full stop there, he drilled a small hole where it should have been and inserted a tiny copper pin to simulate the missing character. The pin gave him away because it had not been burnished down to the level of the rest of the letters.

Counterfeiters usually worthless coins can pass them off without detection. But there are certain counterfeits which are worth more monetarily than the original coin

for which they were substituted. These are the famous platinum imitations of gold coins made about 1866 in South America. Platinum has commanded a high value in recent years because of the demand for it in jewelry and its use in scientific instruments. But there was a time when a great deal of platinum was found in the South American silver mines and cast aside because the miners did not know what to do with it. Some shrewd person discovered that it was a workable metal, slightly heavier than gold, hard enough to withstand wear, and altogether desirable for counterfeiting.

Up to that time gold coins were difficult to imitate because of their weight. Platinum obviated that difficulty, and, when washed with gold, made an excellent substitute, for gold encrusts slowly and it would be a long time before the plating wore off and the other metal showed underneath.

#### SUPPLYING MISSING LINKS

The most common of these platinum counterfeits are the well made copies of gold twenty-real pieces of Queen Isabella II of Spain, but I have also seen American five and ten dollar pieces so counterfeited. Before platinum became more valuable than gold they used to be refused in banks and shops. But now they are eagerly accepted and melted down for their bullion value.

Only Russia has used platinum for legitimate coinage. A large part of the world's supply of platinum used to come from the imperial mines in the Ural Mountains, and the government then had no other profitable way of disposing of the metal. The coins were never well received, probably because of their confusion with silver. But there are rumors that the Bolshevik Government is considering the issue of platinum coins to

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

## DECEMBER 12-13

**FOURTH ANNUAL GULF COAST COIN SHOW**, Pasadena Coin Club, Pasadena, Tex. Gulfgate Shopping Center. R. C. Holdren, bourse, 930 Oak Meadows, Houston, Tex. 77017.



## DECEMBER 12-13

**DALLAS EAST COIN CLUB** 1st annual coin show, Furniture Mart, 2000 Stemmons Expressway, Dallas, Tex. Write Box 6981, Dallas, Tex. 75219.



## 1965 SEASON

## JANUARY 30-31

**INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB** 2nd annual coin show at El Paso. For details, write club at Box 3756, El Paso, Tex. 79923.



## FEBRUARY 6-7

**ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** convention hosted by **TEX-ARKANA COIN CLUB** at American Legion Hall. Contact Andrew Platz, club pres., 3504 State Line Ave., Texarkana, Ark.



## FEBRUARY 12-14

**TIP O TEXAS** 2nd annual **WILD-CAT SHOW**, Civic Center, Brownsville, Tex. Write J. B. Hollon, 1830 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville, Tex.



## FEBRUARY 13-14

**SWEETWATER COIN & GUN SHOW**, National Guard Armory. Contact J. Paul Turner, Star Route, Sweetwater, Tex.

## FEBRUARY 20-21

**GULF COAST RETAIL COIN DEALERS ASSN.**, 1st annual coin show, Rice Hotel, Crystal Ballroom, Houston, Texas. For details write to Association, Box 35103, Houston, Tex. 77035.



## FEBRUARY 27-28

**DALLAS COIN CONVENTION**, Aldolphus Hotel, Dallas, Tex. Ronny Rumer, bourse, 537 W. Jefferson, Dallas 8, Tex.



## FEBRUARY 27-28

**GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB** 7th annual coin show, Thomas Jefferson School Cafeteria. L. E. Buss, Bourse Chrm. 1501 Brinkman, Port Arthur, Tex.



## MARCH 12-14

**SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB** annual coin show, Holiday Inn Parkway, Lubbock, Tex. Jon F. Coll, 5111 34th St., Lubbock; George Privett, bourse, Box 106, Lubbock.



## MARCH 20-21

**MISSISSIPPI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION**, 4th annual convention, Heidelberg Hotel, Jackson, Miss. Byron W. Cook, gen. chrm., Box 181, Jackson, Miss.



## MARCH 26-28

**TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN.** 7th convention, Robert Driscoll Hotel, Corpus Christi, Tex., Joe B. Davis, gen. chrm., 638 DeForrest, Corpus Christi, Tex.



## MAY 15-16

**CLEBURNE COIN CLUB** annual coin show. Contact Virginia Beasley, sec., Rt. 4, Cleburne, Tex.



## MAY 15-16

**HIDALGO COIN CLUB** 2nd annual coin show, Echo Motor Hotel,

Edinburg, Tex. Milton Shrank, gen. chrm., 1120 N. 15th, McAllen, Tex. Bourse chrm. Wally Gilmore, Box 74, Weslaco, Tex., 78596.



JUNE 24-27

**RETAIL COIN DEALERS ASSN.** 2nd annual convention, Onondaga War Memorial Bldg., Syracuse, N.Y.



AUGUST 24-28

**AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSN.** 74th annual convention, Shamrock-Hilton Hotel, Houston, Texas. A. L. Martin, gen chrm., 6207 Chevy Chase, Houston, Tex.



SEPTEMBER 4-5

**CENTRAL TEXAS COIN CLUB** annual com show, Cow House Hotel, Killeen, Tex. Contact J. C. Moore, 112 E. Avenue D, Killeen, Tex.



SEPTEMBER 11-12

**SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB** 5th annual com show. Address club at Box 87, San Angelo, Tex.



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9 and the 1 in the date. A large space between the numbers indicates a break in the date. A depression of the coin indicates that the coin has been subjected to intense heat. A faint mark was soldered on. Comparison of the piece in question to a known genuine coin is always a good idea.

Check for the date is omitted at the Lander. On a genuine 1914D the total VDB are not present because they were removed and not replaced until 1918.



Surrounding was the more primitive coin of pure nickel for the year 1914. Over 10 other countries are to take some of nickel.

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try to re-establish the fearfully depreciated Russian paper currency.

Coins do more than throw corroborative light on historical events. In some cases they actually supply data missing in the records which would otherwise remain in the limbo of forgotten things. There is an old tradition of the Christian Church, for instance, that the Apostle Thomas, familiarly known as Doubting Thomas, went to India as a missionary. The Apocrypha contains a book known as the Acts of St. Thomas, in which is revealed how the disciple converted one Gondapharnes, King of India, to Christianity.

As far as history can tell us, no such king of India ever lived. But in 1883 coins were found in Northwestern India bearing the name of Gondapharnes. Thus the tradition was corroborated and the apocryphal book found to contain the truth. Shortly afterward other coins of the same period were discovered, lacking the name, but bearing a new inscription. This time it was GREAT SAVIOUR, KING OF KINGS. No numismatist will go so far as to declare that this inscription refers to the king's conversion, but it may very likely be so.

There is another case where the names of several of the kings of Bactria, a Greek kingdom in Asia, are known only from coins. From the evidence of the coins, its dates, quantity and design a skeleton can be formed of the history of the element and from the portrait they bear whose names of royal personage have been suddenly dragged from oblivion and given form and feature. To be continued.

# from the secretary

by MRS. HOMER B. CASEY, Secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

112 N. Van Buren, San Angelo, Texas 76903

Applicants #1157-1164 and C-97 as published in the November News have been mailed membership cards, Yearbooks, and other materials.

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

If no objections are filed prior to January 1, the following applicants will become members on that date.

1165 (D-3) H. W. Pontius 2863 Colorado Ave., San Angelo, Tex. 76903, U. S. General, E. H. Brooks and J. B. Irvin.

1166 (D-3) W. W. Jackson, 2101 St. Mary St., San Angelo, Tex. 76903, U. S. General, E. H. Brooks.

1167 (D-3) Robert E. Bailey, Apt. 5, 1617 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, Tex. 76903, English and Type Coins, E. H. Brooks and J. B. Irvin.

A-1168 (D-3) Mrs. Shirley Bailey, Apt. 5, 1617 W. Beauregard, San Angelo, 76903, English and Type Coins, E. H. Brooks and J. B. Irvin.

1169 (D-10) R. L. Messimer, 436 De Leon Dr., El Paso, Tex. 79912, General, Charles R. Vice.

1170 (D-6) W. H. Seyffert, Jr., 10110 Cliffwood, Houston 35, Tex., U. S. and Foreign, E. H. Brooks.

1171 (D-3) Harold Scherz, Box 646, Sonora, Tex. 76950, U. S. Coins, Mrs. Homer B. Casey and E. H. Brooks.

1172 (D-7) B. T. Wim, 213 Sunset Dr., Del Rio, Tex. Coins of Mexico, E. H. Brooks and R. J. Watters.

1173 (D-5) H. D. Potter, Sr., 4121 McKinney, Dallas 4, Tex. U. S. General, H. E. Collin and T. G. Brown.

1174 (D-8) John T. Judd, 902

Cedar St., McAllen, Tex., Dealer, James C. Cawthorn and E. H. Brooks.

1175 (D-8) Joseph J. Matz, 3261 Topeka, Corpus Christi, Tex., General, R. J. Watters and E. H. Brooks.

A-1176 (D-8) Mrs. Grace Matz, 3261 Topeka, Corpus Christi, Tex., General, R. J. Watters and E. H. Brooks.

1177 (D-4) Oscar B. Clark, 332 West Water St., Kerrville, Tex., U. S. Coins, E. H. Brooks.

A-1178 (D-7) Mrs. Stanford M. Kennedy, 107 Dawnridge Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78213, U. S. Coins, E. H. Brooks and Stanford M. Kennedy.

1179 (D-7) Captain Alvin E. Naumann, 618 Patricia Dr., San Antonio, Tex. 78216, Large size U. S. Paper Money, Grace E. Curtis and E. H. Brooks.

1180 Fred L. Nelson, Box 8044, Northgate Sta., Seattle 55, Wash., Dealer, Charles R. Vice and Mrs. Wally Gilmore.

A-1181 (D-7) Mrs. E. Wagner, 106 Savannah, San Antonio, Tex. 78213, U. S. Coins, Mrs. Wally Gilmore and Thomas W. Wagner.

1182 (D-8) Miss Edna Lucas, 601 Naples, Corpus Christi, Tex., U. S. and Mexican, Ivan L. (Marty) Martin.

1183 (D-7) George H. Felts, Jr., 320 Towne-Vue, San Antonio 13, Tex., Collector and Dealer, General, Mrs. Wally Gilmore.

1184 (D-7) Sam Levin, 1718 Terra Alta, San Antonio 9, Tex., General,

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# Coin Club Copy

## DISTRICT ONE

The GENERAL DYNAMICS-FORT WORTH COIN CLUB held a coin show and bourse October 30 and November 1 with approximately 1000 in attendance. The event took place at the GD-FW Recreation Association building.

Winners in exhibit divisions were J. N. Medley, first in United States coins, Mrs. Alma Medley, second and third; Mrs. L. F. Robinson, first in foreign; John Jenkins, second and Mrs. Medley, third. In the specialized category John Medley took first, Mr. Renola, second; and Lee Medley, third.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at the recreation building. A "penny picking party" was planned for the next meeting.

Mrs. L. J. Robinson, Reporter



## DISTRICT THREE

A Christmas party was scheduled for members of the SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB December 3 in conjunction with the regular meeting to be held at the Town House Motor Hotel. In charge of arrangements are Mrs. Jim Jones, Mrs. Bob Bailey and Mrs. John Bildnerback.

Lee Beard, show chairman, gave a financial report on the recent coin show. Members voted to have 12 more cases made for exhibits. The commission plan charged on auction material was abolished and in its place a flat 25¢ fee will be charged. Sixty-eight members and guest attended the November meeting.

Mrs. Lee Beard, Sec'y



The KEY CITY COIN CLUB of Abilene held their regular meeting November 5 at the Sundance Hotel with an

attendance of 55.

Plans were made for the annual Christmas buffet to be held Sunday, December 13, in the Paradise Room of the hotel beginning at 12:30. The buffet will be free to all club members and for guests there will be a cost of \$2 per person. After lunch, officers for the new year will be installed.

Beth Geiger, Sec'y



Mrs. Bruce Johnson was speaker before members of the NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB of Sweetwater at a meeting held at the Holiday Center.

Mrs. Johnson chose as her subject "Silver Dollars." The first dollar was minted in 1792 and President George Washington gave up his own silverware for the project. It was brought out that the rarest dollars were the 1804 and the 1895; and the key date for the Peace dollar is 1921. Mrs. Johnson ended her talk by asking several questions for members to give thought to: Would coin collectors get any of the new silver dollars to be minted? Would they go to the hands of investors? Would the gambling casinos in the West get them? Just where would they go?

The next meeting, December 14, will center around a Christmas party for members at the Holiday Center.

Mrs. Ben G. Monroe, Sec'y



Members of the MITCHELL COIN CLUB (Colorado City) were planning to enjoy a Christmas party in December at the Villa Inn.

At the November 2 meeting twenty-nine members were present and John T. Merritt was awarded a

special prize.

Mrs. J. W. Randle, Corr. Sec'y



The election of new officers took place at the October meeting of the **HEART OF TEXAS COIN CLUB** of Brady. Elected to serve next year were A. J. Ricks, Jr., president, Hardin Jones, vice-president, Leon Lee, secretary; and Gene Williams, treasurer.

Lester L. Edmonds, district four governor, T.N.A. spoke to the group on the functions of the state organization. Press Adams gave a talk on the 1964 Treasury sealed mint sets and the 1964 mint sets being sealed by individuals.

The club meets at the McCulloch Electric Co-op

Leon Lee, Sec'y



#### DISTRICT FOUR

Lester L. Edmonds of Waco spoke on his favorite subject, Texas Numismatic Association, at the recent meeting of **CENTRAL TEXAS COIN CLUB** held at the First National Bank in Killeen. Edmonds invited everyone to join, support and participate in the state organization.

Robert E. Klingensmith conducted a coin quiz with prizes presented to the two top winners. Thirty members and guests were present.

Plans were made for the election of new officers at the next meeting.

Robert E. Klingensmith, Sec'y



Preparations were being made by members of the **CLEBURNE COIN CLUB** for the annual exhibit show on November 15; nominations for new officers; and the annual Christmas party, at the regular meeting held at the First National Bank with 23 persons present.

Members expressed regret of the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Virginia Beasley, due to serious ill-

ness for the past several months.

William S. Brown, Pres.



#### DISTRICT FIVE

The **ARKANSAS NUMISMATIC SOCIETY** has designated Texarkana, Ark. as the location for the annual convention with the **TEXARKANA COIN CLUB** as host.

Dates for the event are February 6-7 at the American Legion Home. The selected site for the show will accommodate forty bourse tables with plenty of parking area for the anticipated 1,500 visitors.

The show announcement did not include details of the many unusual surprises and "firsts" ever to be produced at an Arkansas society show. One extreme interest has been secured, with confirmation, of being an exhibit of an 1804 silver dollar which was secured through efforts and sponsorship of the Texarkana, Texas National Bank. There will be no auction.

Guests are expected to attend from Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Andrew Platz, Club Pres.



The **TEXOMALAND COIN CLUB** raised \$40.10 for the Denison United Fund at its October meeting, the amount represented the entire proceeds of a special auction of coins donated by club members. Dr. W. D. Blassingame was auctioneer.

The club meets at the Denison Chamber of Commerce.

Chas. A. Wingo, T.N.A. Rep.



The **DALLAS EAST COIN CLUB** of Dallas was busy with plans for the first annual coin show scheduled for December 12-13 at the Furniture Mart, 2000 Stemmons Expressway. Table reservations should be made through Box 6981, Dallas, Texas 75219.

Mrs. Leota N. Grec, Sec'y

## DISTRICT SIX

Awards were presented to the winners of the junior essay contest at the November meeting of the BELLAIRE COIN CLUB with 59 in attendance at 5501 A Bissomet, Bellaire, Texas, the regular meeting place.

Junior members entering the contest were instructed to write on "Coin collecting is my hobby because . . ." Bill Brutor was awarded first place for his entry ". . . it offers me the best opportunity for gaining the following: Pleasure, Relaxation, Outlet for my energy, Fun, Intelligence, and Thrifty Habits." First letters adding up to Profit. Bill was given a 1960P small date cent in BU condition.

Honorable mention was presented to Vicki Bernholz for her entry ". . . I meet many people I would not meet otherwise, the profit (what little I get) will help toward my college fund. Also I enjoy going to the coin shops and clubs. Besides that it's educational and fun, but not



Winners in the junior essay contest were announced by the BELLAIRE COIN CLUB were: 1st - Lt. Pil Brutor, first place; Vicki Bernholz and Joe Thrash, honorable mention. The contestants completed the sentence "Coin Collecting is my hobby because . . .".

least it's fun."

Joe Thrash received honorable mention for "I could say that I collect coins for the beauty and historical significance of the coins, but this would be false. I collect coins for the feeling of accomplishment and personal enjoyment I get from seeing my collection grow. I enjoy the friendship of other collectors through my hobby."

Vicki and Joe both were presented with a deck of the coin card game.

The club also received an entry from 11 year old Fred Petrie, Tucson, Arizona. "I was selling newspapers and I got a silver dollar in change. I took it home and looked at my mother's coin book and looked up the date, 1884 - I thought I had a rare silver dollar and it was worth \$2,000. We looked at the wrong silver dollar. We had the Morgan type and the rare one was the 1884 Trade dollar. I would like for your club to write back and tell me some of the coin finds or excitement you are having. It's not much fun collecting alone." Letter in part.

President Frank Pulsie answered Fred's letter and the major members writing a period signed their name and addresses at the bottom.

During the auction Howell B. Jones had in his collection a numbered set of Lincoln cents #64464 and added that the club bought the entire set.

— Burton 496-3007

The 10th annual meeting of the COTTONWOOD COAST COIN DEALERS ASSOCIATION will be held Saturday, May 18 at the Hotel in Tucson, Tex.

The place will be discussed with the all-time business dealers being invited to compete and expand in a organization that no collector will be able to turn anything he desires at the show - whether it be coins or

United States - in all categories. There will be no auction or exhibits, just all the coins that you could possibly want to buy or see at the bourse.

Doors open to the public at 10 a.m. both days and will close at 9 p.m. Saturday and 6 p.m. Sunday. There will be continuous security during the entire show. Registration to the show is free and everyone is invited.

Sy Grossman, Publicity Co-Chairman



## DISTRICT SEVEN

"A Trip Through the Denver Mint" a film belonging to the LIBERTY COIN CLUB of Corpus Christi was shown to members of the VICTORIA COIN CLUB at the October meeting.

Members voted to send \$10 to T.N.A. as a donation for the A.N.A. building fund headquarters, being the first Texas club to respond to T.N.A. President E. H. Brooks' request.

Graves L. Rouse, Pres.



The BEEVILLE COIN CLUB meets on the first Thursday of the month. Anyone interested in attending the meetings may contact David McDowell, Beeville Coin Club, Box 242, Beeville, Texas.

A record crowd of nearly 2000 persons attended the fifth annual coin convention hosted by the ALAMO, GATEWAY AND SAN ANTONIO COIN CLUBS during the weekend of October 11-13, 1962 at the Gunter Hotel in downtown San Antonio.

Forty-five dealers from Texas, Arizona, Louisiana, California, Florida, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Washington State and Mexico were on hand with choice numismatic items from United States and foreign countries.

An awards' breakfast honoring exhibitors and visiting T.N.A. digni-

taries was given on Sunday morning in the Sabre Room of the Gunter Hotel. T.N.A. officers attending were E. H. Boorks, president; Floyd Covill, second vice-president; Freeman L. Craig, treasurer; and governors Mrs. Grace Curtis, Mrs. Wally Gilmore and Charles R. Vice. Also present were A. I. Martin, immediate past president; and Joe B. Davis, T.N.A.'s first president.

Mrs. Shirley Strough of Houston was presented with a special educational award, donated by Al Almanzar of San Antonio, for her outstanding exhibit of Mexican medals.

Other winners were Hirsh Schwartz, best of show and first in United States coins. Leonard Black placed second and Hank Bieciuk third in U. S. coinage. In the paper money division, Alvin E. Naumann took first with Bieciuk, second; ancient coins, Clark Webber, first, Bieciuk, second; modern foreign coins, first went to Dr. and Mrs. Melvyn H. Wolk; Mrs. Ruth



Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez cuts the ribbon opening the fifth annual coin convention sponsored by the GREATER SAN ANTONIO COIN CLUBS. Congressman Gonzalez is assisted by W. W. McAllister, center, Mayor of San Antonio and Col. Frank O'Sullivan, convention general chairman.

Kalkhoff, second; S. M. Kennedy, third; miscellaneous and specialized, Mrs. Strong, first; David Norman, second; and Robert Gaskill, third.

In the junior category, Paul A. Schwartz captured first place, followed by Terry O'Sullivan, second; and Freeman Craig, Jr., third.

The non-competitive exhibits included ancient coins by Frank O'Sullivan, foreign gold by Covill, and U. S. paper money by Schwartz.

General chairman for one of the most enjoyable events of the new Fall season was Col. Frank O'Sullivan assisted by Stanford M. Kennedy, bosse; Mrs. Curtis, exhibits; Frank Villagi, auction; Clark Webber, hospitality; Harley Yarber finance; Joe Barth, security; and Alvin Numann, publicity.

The ALAMO COIN CLUB enjoyed a program on Brazil, its coinage, country and the methods employed in getting coins from there, at its November meeting held at the Ginter Hotel. Speaker for the evening was William Riponitti, who had spent several months in the Brazilian jungle.

During the business session members discussed the recent coin show



Mrs. Shirley Strong of Houston presented the educational award for her outstanding exhibit of Mexican medals. This special award was donated by Almanzar's Coins of the World. Making the presentation is F. H. Brooks, San Angelo, T.N.A. president.

distributed a new printing of the club constitution and by-laws, and planned programs for future meetings. Thirty-three members were present.

Mrs. Grace Curtis, Treas.



## DISTRICT EIGHT

New officers head the LIBERTY COIN CLUB of Corpus Christi and James Meadows was elected president; Floyd Miller, vice-president; Edna Lucas, secretary; and Ouida Buckner, treasurer. The election took place November 3 at the regular meeting held at the Nueces Hotel with 35 members and guests attending.

It was also national election night and television was available for watching the results. Coffee and cake were served during a social hour.

The recent coin show sponsored by the club October 24-25 at the Memorial Coliseum was termed as an outstanding success, with a nice array of exhibits all well prepared and presented. F. J. Kope was general chairman; Ralph Watters, bosse; Johnson, in charge of exhibits; and Bob Proches.

The thirty-three Texas dealers were honored at a dinner party at the Club Men Restaurant.

World States was awarded best of show in dollars and also first place in United States coins. Howard Hoffman, plus his wife, the Mexican category and Puerto Rican. Other winners were Dr. P. Davis Mexican coins; Charles Thompson Mexican coins; paper money, gold and specialized; Mrs. Lorraine Fodd, odd curiosities and ancient coins; and Marty Martin, medals and tokens and mint oddities.

In the novice division winners were John Olson, U. S. coins; Mrs.

M. E. Foy, foreign; and Edna Lucas, Mexican coins.



A fourth anniversary party is being planned for members of the HIDALGO COIN CLUB of McAllen, to be held at the January meeting in the Spanish Room of the Casa de Palmas Hotel.

The December meeting will include election of officers and the showing of the film "A Trip Through the Denver Mint." Fifty-five members and guests attended the November meeting.

John L. Chisum, Vice Pres.



Mrs. Margaret Snowden was in charge of the program for the recent meeting of the HARLINGEN COIN CLUB at the Central Power and Light Co. building. Mrs. Snowden gave highlights on the minting of the Indian Head one cent piece and the designer, James Longaere. She also read a short article on the cleaning of coins with preparations including catsup and olive oil.

M. D. Turner will present the program at the December meeting which will also include election of new officers.



Guest speaker at the November meeting of the SAN BENITO COIN CLUB was Abe Lozano, veteran law enforcement officer with the Harlingen Police Department. Mr. Lozano expressed his views on how clever robberies are planned and for coin collectors to be more cautious in seeking safe places to store their collections.



The first annual coin show presented by the BROWNSVILLE COIN CLUB held in the Crystal Room of the Holiday Inn was well attended by visitors from all parts of Texas. Guests were afforded the opportunity of buying, selling and trading with

the thirty hour dealers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dorris, president and secretary of the club, were in charge of arrangements.



Planning for the biggest show in Texas are the participants of the second annual TIP-O-TEXAS "Wildcat Show" to be staged at the new mammoth Civic Center in Brownsville on February 12, 13 and 14.

Those attending will be able to buy, sell or trade coins, gems, reliques, stamps, edged weapons, rock and many more collector's items.

For table reservations write J. B. Hollon, 1350 W. Elizabeth, Brownsville, Texas. Hollon urges those planning to attend to also make hotel and motel reservations early due to the tourist season in this area.



## DISTRICT NINE

The dates March 12, 13 and 14 have been selected by the SOUTH PLAINS COIN CLUB of Lubbock for their annual coin show to be held at the Holiday Inn Parkway.

Jon F. Coll, 5111 34th St., Lubbock is general chairman and George Privett, Box 106, Lubbock is in charge of table reservation.

A discussion was held on a Christmas party planned for members of the SYNDER COIN CLUB when 42 members and guests assembled for a recent meeting at the Snyder Saving and Loan Company's recreation hall. Guests from Big Spring and China Grove were introduced.

Following an auction of 39 lots, coffee and doughnuts were served.

Harold P. Brown, Reporter



## DISTRICT TEN

The INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB, meeting at 4005 Montana Street, in El Paso with 76 members present enjoyed the showing of the film "A Trip Through the Denver

Mid" followed by a trading session of American and Mexican coins.

Plans are being laid for the club show to be held January 30-31 at the Holiday Inn in El Paso. The club may be addressed at Box 3756, El Paso, Texas 79923.

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